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(b) whether the Government intend to extend the concession to Arabic by aiding purely Arabic schools and employing a Superintendent of Arabic schools on the analogy of the Superintendent of Sanskrit schools?

A.—(a) No Sanskrit schools have been opened by Government. The expenditure on grants-in-aid and on inspection of Sanskrit schools during the three years 1920-21, 1921-22 and 1922-23 is as follows:—

	1920-21.	1921-22.	1922-23.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Teaching grants ...	24,200	25,000	29,900
Furniture grants ...	1,453	186	...
Building grants ...	100
Superintendent of Sanskrit schools, establishment and contingencies ...	9,563	8,169	8,512
Total ...	35,316	33,355	38,412

(b) The Government do not propose to aid schools which do not provide secular instruction. Since there is only one recognized Arabic institution, the Government do not consider that there is need at present for the employment of a Superintendent of Arabic Schools.

Mr. K. ABDUL HYE SAHIB :—“ Will the hon. the Minister kindly state whether there is any Sanskrit institution which was giving secular education and for which grant was given ? ”

The hon. Rao Bahadur A. P. PATRO :—“ Yes.”

Muhammadan representation among Deputy Inspectors of Schools.

69 Q.—Mr. K. ABDUL HYE SAHIB: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state the number of new appointments of Muhammadan Deputy Inspectors of Schools made during the past three years and the number of promotions made to that grade in the Ceded Districts and how many of them were given to natives of the Ceded Districts?

A.—The following persons were newly appointed as Deputy Inspectors of Muhammadan Schools during the last three years in all districts including the Ceded Districts:—

1921—No new appointments.

1922—(1) Muhammad Usman Sahib, Tinnevely Muhammadan range.

(2) Saiyid Durwish Muhi-ud-din, Vizagapatam Muhammadan range.

(3) S. A. Ibrahim Ali Sahib, Madura Muhammadan range.

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- (4) Muhammad Muzaffar-ud-din Sahib, Bezwada Muhammadan range (resigned his post).

(Ceded Districts—Nil.)

- 1923—(1) A. Abdul Qadir Sahib, Bellary Muhammadan range. } Ceded
(2) Muhammad Mahbub Ali Sahib, Kurnool } Districts.
Muhammadan range.
(3) U. S. Abdul Aziz, Ponnani Mappilla range.
(4) Ahmad Ali, Bezwada Muhammadan range.

The following persons were promoted to act in the Deputy Inspectors' cadre :—

1921 and 1922—Nil.

- 1923—(1) Saiyid Nizam-ul-lah Sahib, Coimbatore Muhammadan range.

(2) P. Muhammad, Badagara Mappilla range.

(3) C. Ahmad Unni, Ottapalam Mappilla range.

(4) N. Kunhalan Kutti, Calicut Mappilla range.

(None in Ceded Districts.)

None of the above officers belongs to the Ceded Districts.

There was only one application from a graduate of the Ceded Districts (in 1922) for either a school assistant's or a Deputy Inspector's post. He was offered a school assistant's post which he refused to accept unless he was started on a salary of Rs. 100. As the minimum of the scale of pay of Deputy Inspectors and School Assistants is only Rs. 75 and as the applicant is moreover an untrained graduate, his application was not considered favourably.

Opening of a first-grade College at Palghat.

70 Q.—Mr. V. MADHAVA RAJA : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(1) whether, with reference to the observations of His Excellency the President on Resolution No. 5 moved at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 5th February 1920 regarding the raising of the Second Grade College at Palghat into first grade, inquiries were made as to the place where the First Grade College for Malabar should be located and whether the Government have come to a decision on the point ;

(2) whether, with reference to any such decision, the Government asked the Director of Public Instruction to submit proposals for starting the College ;

(3) whether the Government will consider the claims of Palghat as being the place best suited for locating the College for the reasons urged by me in my speech on the above resolution ; and

(4) whether provision will be made in the next year's budget for opening the College ?

A.—(1) & (2) Some inquiries have been made and Government have decided to await a decision by the reorganized University authorities on the status of mufassal colleges and general University policy.

(3) Palghat will be considered.

(4) The answer is in the negative.